few to be read -whoih and with dihgence and attention «7 Reading maieth a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man And therefore if a man \\ nte little, he had need have a great memoir , if iie confer little, he had need have a present ^vit , and if he read little, he had need have much cunning, to seem to know that he doth not ^ Histories male men w^se, Poets witty- the Mathematics subtle, natural Philosophy deep Moral grave, Logic and Rhetoric able to contend *

January NE^V PIAYS

This month the Admiral's men have played two new plays, being *Alexander and Lodovick* and *Woman bard to please*

znd February A DANGEROUS PERSON TAKEN

There is lately apprehended one William Tomson, a very lewd and dangerous person, that is charged to have a purpose to bum her Majesty's ships or do some notable - villainy This man is to be ezammed concerning his devilish intents, and earnestly dealt with to declare by whom he hath been moved thereunto , wherein if by fair means and persuasions he be not moved to reveal the truth, then to be put to the manacles or the torture of the rack as in like cases is used

$tl February A QUARREL AT COURT

The Earl of Northumberland hath had a quarrel with the Earl of Southampton that was like to have proceeded to a combat, insomuch that my Lord of Southampton sent a gentleman with his rapier Whereupon my Lord of Northum- berland asled whether he brought a challenge; if so, he accepted it beforehand The gentleman answered that he did not, only he brought his rapier My Lord of Northumberland

answered that he had not a novice in hand , he knew well when he was before or behind in points of honour, and therefore had nothing to say further unless he were challenged But the affair came to nought, for by order of the Queen they were summoned to Court on bond of their allegiance and called before the Lords of the Council, who assured him, on their honours, that my Lord of Southampton had not spoken the words complained of, which afterward he affirmed himself My Lord